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All Participants:

(1) SCARLETT GOON.

(2) Mr. Shuji Yoshizaki, Applicants' representative.

Date of Interview: 15 January 2010

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: .

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

none

Claims discussed:

4, 11, 15 and 16

Prior art documents discussed:

none

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

/SCARLETT GOON/
Examiner, Art Unit 1623

Status of Application: pending

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Time: 3:45 pm

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Mr. Yoshizaki, Applicants' representative was contacted to discuss potential allowable subject matter. The Examiner indicated that dependent claim 15 would be allowable if it was amended to an independent claim that incorporated all the limitations of claim 4. The Examiner further indicated that dependent claim 16 would be allowable if it was amended to an independent claim that incorporated all the limitations of claim 11. The Examiner indicated that this amendment would overcome potential scope of enablement issues as it was unlikely that all crosslinked products obtained by the disclosed process would have a water content of 96 to 98% due to differences in the degree of crosslinking. The Examiner further indicated that the instantly claimed method step should further include reaction conditions for reacting the high-molecular weight compound with the low-molecular weight compound since it is unlikely that any concentration would result in the product disclosed therein. Mr. Yoshizaki indicated he would discuss the amendments and other issues with his client. .